Opening of pilot Passport Seva Kendras

3139. SHRI A. ELAVARASAN: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to set up seven Pilot Passport Seva Kendras in Bangalore and Chandigarh under National e-governance programme;

(b) if so, whether Government would also consider to set up such Kendras in other cities; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SHASHI THAROOR): (a) to (c) Yes. The Government has undertaken implementation of Passport Seva Project under the National e-Governance Plan. The Project envisages setting up of 77 Passport Seva Kendras (PSKs) across the country. The Project will be launched at the following seven Pilot locations: (i) Ambala, (ii) Chandigarh, (iii) Ludhiana, (iv) Bangalore - 1, (v) Bangalore - 2, (vi) Hubli-Dharwad and (vii) Mangalore. Following an assessment of the Pilot, the 70 remaining Passport Seva Kendras will be established. A complete list of the proposed 77 PSKs is given in the Statement.

Statement

Passport Seva Kendra (PSK)

Distribution of proposed PSKs

Passport Office	PSKs at existing Passport Office locations	Proposed PSKs at new locations	Total No. of PSKs
1	2	3	4
	PSKs to be Newly Setup		
Delhi	Delhi 1, Delhi 2	Gurgaon	3
Mumbai	Mumbai 1, Mumbai 2, Mumbai 3	None	3
Hyderabad	Hyd 1, Hyd 2, Hyd 3	Vijayawada, Nizambad, Tirupathi	6
Chennai	Chennai 1, Chennai 2, Chennai 3	None	3
Bangalore	B'lore 1, B'lore 2	Hubli-Dharwad, Mangalore	4
Ahmedabad	Ahmedabad 1, Ahmedabad 2	Baroda, Rajkot	4
Cochin	Cochin	Thrissur, Alappuzha, Ernakulam (Rural), Kottayam	5
Jalandhar	Jalandhar 1, Jalandhar 2	Hoshiarpur	3
Trivandrum	Trivandrum	Kollam, Trivandrum (Rural)	3

1	2	3	4
Chandigarh	Chandigarh	Ludhiana, Ambala	3
Trichy	Trichy 1, Trichy 2	Thanajavur	3
Kolkata	Kolkata	Bahrampur	2
Lucknow	Lucknow	Varanasi, Kanpur, Gorakhpur	4
Jaipur	Jaipur	Jodhpur, Sikar	3
Kozhikode	Kozhikode 1, Kozhikode 2	Kannur 1, Kannur 2	4
Thane	Thane	Nasik	2
Pune	Pune	None	1
Patna	Patna	None	1
Visakhapatnam	Visakhapatnam	None	1
Surat	Surat	None	1
Bhopal	Bhopal	None	1
Ghaziabad	Ghaziabad	None	1
Bareilly	Bareilly	None	1
Malappuram	Malappuram	None	1
Nagpur	Nagpur	None	1
Amritsar	Amritsar	None	1
Coimbatore	Coimbatore	None	1
Madurai	Madurai	Tirunelveli City	2
TOTAL			68
	PSKs co-located with Passport Offices		
Bhubaneswar	Bhubaneswar	None	1
Ranchi	Ranchi	None	1
Guwahati	Guwahati	None	1
Panaji	Panaji	None	1
Jammu	Jammu	None	1
Srinagar	Srinagar	None	1
Shimla	Shimla	None	1
Raipur	Raipur	None	1
Dehradun	Dehradun	None	1
TOTAL			9
TOTAL OFFICES			77